

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

- A<sup>2</sup>
1. (Amended) A semiconductor device, comprising:
- a plurality of semiconductor elements arranged on a substrate; and
- a main current electrode which is arranged near said plurality of semiconductor elements and vertically apart from the surface of the substrate, wherein
- each of said plurality of semiconductor elements and said main current electrode are electrically connected.
- Sub B1